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MEDICAL PROGRESS.

*Proceedings of the Medical Convention of
Kentucky and of the Kentucky State Medi-
cal Society.*—A convention of the physicians
of Kentucky was held in the Senate Cham-
ber, at Frankfort, on the 1st of October last;
Dr. W. L. Sutton was called to the chair,
and Drs. E. H. Watson and J. M. Mills
were appointed Secretaries. The names of
those present having been reported, a com-
mittee was appointed to draft a constitution
for a State Medical Society. This commit-
tee having performed its duty, their report
was amended and the constitution then
adopted.

The following officers were elected for
the ensuing year:—

President.—Dr. W. L. Sutton.

Senior Vice-President.—Dr. W. S.
Chipley.

Junior Vice-President.—Dr. J. Dudley.

Recording Secretary.—Dr. W. C. Sneed.

Corresponding Secretary.—Dr. R. J.
Breckinridge.

Treasurer.—R. W. Glass.

Librarian.—Dr. B. Monroe.

The Convention then resolved itself into
the State Medical Society of Kentucky, the
President, Dr. Sutton, in the chair.

A committee was appointed to apply to
the Legislature for a charter. A committee
was also appointed to draft a set of by-laws.

The code of ethics of the American Medi-
cal Association, was adopted as the code of
the Society.

Various standing Committees were ap-
pointed, and also a special committee to
memorialize the Legislature on the subject
of registration of marriages, births, and
deaths.

The following gentlemen were elected
delegates to the next annual meeting of the
American Medical Association:—Drs. L.
G. Ray, E. D. Forcee, T. G. Richardson,
D. J. Ayres, D. S. Slaughter, E. C. Drane,
W. H. Miller, W. R. Evans, and Joshua
Gore.

The President was requested to deliver
an opening address at the next meeting of
the Society, and after the transaction of some
other unimportant business the Society ad-
journd to meet in Louisville on the third
Wednesday in Oct., 1852.

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SKETCHES AND ILLUSTRATIONS OF MEDICAL QUACKERY.

Mendacity of Quacks.—[We copy the following from a late number (Nov. 15th) of the *Transylvania Medical Journal*.] **AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL.** We have observed, with astonishment, that the "Transylvania University of Medicine, Lexington, Ky.," figures among the list of "high medical authorities" which have awarded to the Cherry Pectoral "unqualified commendation." We allude to this circumstance simply for the purpose of saying that no such commendation has ever been conceded by Transylvania University, and to insist upon the name of that venerable institution being stricken from the list. We protest against such a rape of the fair fame of our old school, and take this occasion to say that, if the testimonials of the dragoman of the Imaun of Muscat (!) and other high functionaries, has been as uncereemoniously employed as that of Transylvania, Mr. Ayer's notions of truth and propriety may be ranked with those of vendors of nostrums generally—made of materials more stretchy than gum-elastic.

E. L. D.

A New Quackery.—In Naumberg a man named Mahner is preaching the necessity of a new regeneration, not in the spiritual, but physical sense. He warns a sickly race that it must return to the lost state of "primitive health," or *Urgesundheit*, as the means of more fully enjoying life, and attaining a patriarchal old age. It is to be secured by a diet of bread and water, going barefoot, and letting the hair and beard grow; in short, making a nearer approach to man's original state in costume than the decencies or prejudices of modern society will altogether permit. On this topic he has been lecturing to a chosen few, but his doctrines do not seem to take, bread and water not being tempting, even with fourscore years promised as the prize of self-denial. It is also said that the apostle does not fully act up to his own precepts, preferring a well-spread table and every variety of wine or beer to the pure element; but this may be a calumny of the hotel keepers. The German journals are perpetually turning up some eccentricity of this sort; to prepare or preserve health, the oddest "cures" are resorted to. A section of the public seems determined to escape the hands of the faculty, and die by some

irregular process, rather than with the aid of medicine. In a single advertising sheet could recently be counted up a water cure, a grape cure, a milk cure, and a hunger cure; to these must be added another just getting into vogue—some of the former having had their day—it is the cure by muscular exercise, by which cripples from rheumatism are put through a course of gymnastics; and dancing is prescribed for the gout. These, however, are all merely cures or remedies; the "primitive health" theory is founded on a system of living which would literally make "man's life as cheap as beasts," without much prolonging it. As far as hair and beard go, many of the Berliners are meeting the Naumberg preacher more than half way.—*Prov. Med. and Surg. Journ.*, Oct. 15th, 1851.

MEDICAL NEWS.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

New American Medical Journals.—Two new monthly American Journals made their appearance in October last. One is entitled the *New York Medical Times*, and is edited by Dr. J. G. Adams; the other, the *New Orleans Monthly Register*, edited by Dr. A. Foster Axson. The two numbers of each which have appeared are well filled with practical matter, and we take pleasure in extending a welcome to the editors on their entrance into the editorial corps, and in wishing them success in their enterprise.

Primary Medical School.—At an early period after its organization, the American Medical Association recommended the establishing of Primary Medical Schools, and in accordance with this recommendation Dr. F. R. Ramsay, of Knoxville, Tenn., announces the intention of opening such a school.

Dr. Ramsay will endeavour to direct the attention of his pupils to such books as will convey most comprehensively, and in the order here mentioned, a knowledge of Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology, Materia Medica, Therapeutics, Practice of Medicine, Obstetrics, and Surgery.

Examinations, and oral explanations, with illustrations by paintings, preparations, and apparatus, will constitute very material elements in the contemplated course of instruction.

The class will be formed on the 15th day of February, 1852.

The terms for the entire course of nine months, will be fifty dollars.

Should the size of the class render it necessary, the assistance of physicians amply qualified to instruct will be obtained.

Dr. Ramsay is a gentleman of great zeal and undoubted talents, and we commend his project to the attention of southern students.

New York College of Dental Surgery.—

A school for teaching Dental Surgery, with the above title, is about to be opened at Syracuse, New York. The Faculty consists of A. Westcott, M. D., D.D.S., Prof. of Theory and Practice of Dental Surgery, and Dental Technology; A. B. Shipman, M. D., Prof. of Anatomy and Physiology, and General Principles of Surgery; Thomas Spencer, M. D., Prof. of Special Pathology and Therapeutics; H. F. Stevens, M. D., Prof. of Chemistry; Daniel Van Denburgh, D.D.S., Demonstrator of Mechanical and Surgical Dentistry. There is also a professorship of Institutes of Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, and Comparative Dental Anatomy, but the name of the occupant of the chair is not announced.

How to Diminish Quackery in the Medical Profession.—

Dr. S. S. BROOKS proposes, in the *New Jersey Medical Reporter* (Nov., 1851), the following measure, which strikes us as worthy of consideration, and we trust that the American Medical Association, at its next meeting, will, as he proposes, advise the medical colleges to adopt this or some similar measure:—

"Let each and every medical college make it a part of its duty to require of its candidates for a diploma, at the time they deposit their theses, a written pledge with the following provisions:—

"That, should they be admitted into the profession, they will endeavour faithfully to observe and follow the Code of Ethics of the American Medical Association; that they will not countenance quackery in any form, but do all in their power, both by precept and example, to suppress and abolish it. And further, at the time of conferring the degrees, let this pledge be publicly read, and the graduates reminded of their obligation to follow it. Let this be done in such a manner that the public may clearly under-

stand its intent and meaning; and that every graduate who may practice irregularly, violates his obligations."

Obituary Record.—We regret to have to announce the death of JOSHUA M. WALLACE, which took place in Philadelphia, on the 10th of Nov., in the thirty-seventh year of his age.

Testimonial to the Memory of the late Dr. J. M. Wallace.—

At a meeting of the private class of Joshua M. Wallace, M.D., lately deceased, Mr. L. H. Smith of S. C. acting as chairman, assembled to express their regret and sorrow for the death of that distinguished and useful gentleman; distinguished both in the capacity of private citizen, and in that of the profession to which he belonged, and which he so much adorned; the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to draft resolutions expressive of their feelings on the occasion:—Charles Neff, *Chairman*; L. H. Smith, *Secretary*; E. O. Dummer, M. G. Lofland, James F. Mabry, A. B. Lyman, W. R. Cunningham.

The Committee made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved 1stly, That whereas, by the inscrutable decree of Providence, a useful and honorable member of society, as well as of the profession to which we aspire to belong, has been cut down in the midst of his career, and in the prime of life; that we, his private class, though associated with him for but a comparatively short time, had yet sufficiently learned to estimate his qualities, both of mind and heart, so as not only to admire but to love him.

Resolved 2dly, That we feel deeply the loss of one whose instructions we had but just sufficiently experienced to learn their value, and by the aid of which we had indulged the hope that we should be able to accomplish easily the arduous task before us.

Resolved 3dly, That with his bereaved family and relations, as well as the numerous friends, which one so gifted must have had, we most deeply and truly condole and sympathize.

Resolved, 4thly, That we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days after the adoption of these resolutions.

Resolved, 5thly, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow of the late J. M. Wallace, M.D., and to his brother, Ellerslie Wallace, M.D., our much esteemed

Demonstrator of Anatomy and private instructor.

Resolved, 6thly, That the foregoing be published in the *Medical News* and *Medical Examiner*.

CHARLES NEFF, *Chairman*.
L. H. SMITH, *Secretary*.

E. O. DUMMER,
M. G. LOFLAND,
JAMES F. MARRY,
A. B. LYMON,
W. R. CUNNINGHAM, } *Committee*.
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 13th, 1851.

Died in New York, on the 9th of Nov., Dr. JOHN KEARNEY RODGERS, one of the Surgeons of the New York Hospital, and one of the most eminent Surgeons of our country.

— at New York, on the 12th Nov., GRANVILLE SHARP PATTISON, M. D., Prof. of Anatomy in the University of the city of New York.

— in Philadelphia, on the 13th of Nov., 1851, Dr. FREDERICK CROWLEY, aged thirty-eight years.

At a special meeting of the Northern Medical Association of Philadelphia, of which Dr. Crowley was a member, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—*Resolved*, That while we deeply deplore the loss of one of our associates, cut off from among us in the prime of his manhood, and in the enjoyment of the active duties of his profession, we feel that the profession at large, of which he was a highly respected member, has sustained a loss in one whose medical attainments, and whose social and moral worth were appreciated wherever he was known.

— at Aurora, Illinois, on the 16th of September, of dysentery, N. HARD, M. D. Prof. of Anatomy in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Iowa University.

— at Oyster Bay, L. I., on the 21st of Nov., JAMES E. DEKAY, M. D., aged sixty.

— in New York, on the 21st of Nov., JAMES R. MANLY, M. D., in the seventieth year of his age.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Preservation of Animal Matter from Decay.—It is reported that Sig. GORINI, Professor of Natural History at the University of Lodi, has succeeded in preserving animal matter from decay to a most surprising extent, without resorting to any known process for that purpose. Specimens are in his possession of portions of the human body which have been exposed to the action of the atmosphere for six or seven years without any alteration in their natural appearance; and he states that he can, at a trifling cost, keep meat for any length of time in such a way that it can be eaten quite fresh. If the Professor can really do what he professes to do, his process will be advantageous in a scientific and a politico-economical point of view.—*Med. Times*, Nov. 1st, 1851.

TO READERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

In our present number we give the conclusion of "Malgaigne's Operative Surgery," a work which has been received with so much favour as to fully justify our choice in selecting it. In our next number (Jan. 1852) we shall commence the publication of the "LECTURES ON GENERAL PATHOLOGY, AS CONDUCTIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RATIONAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF DISEASE," by JOHN SIMON, M.D., and shall give the whole in the volume for 1852. These Lectures, which were delivered last year at St. Thomas's Hospital, are of the highest value and importance, presenting a very comprehensive though concise view of the subject, and embracing all the most recent discoveries and doctrines of the science.

PUBLISHERS' NOTICE.

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